

**HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To:** Cabinet  
14 February 2012

**Subject:** DISPOSAL OF APPLGARTH PUBLIC CONVENIENCE – NORTHALLERTON

**Northallerton Wards  
Scrutiny Committees  
Cabinet Member: Councillor R Kirk**

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**1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the disposal of the Public Convenience building adjacent to the Applegarth Car Park in Northallerton.
- 1.2 Cabinet agreed at the meeting on 25 January 2011 (Minute CA.94) to transfer the capital assets of the Council's Public Conveniences to Parish or Town Councils prepared to run the service. This has been completed with the exception of the Applegarth Public Conveniences. The Northallerton Town Council resolved to provide public toilets in the Town Hall as an alternative service and this has been implemented. The consequence is that the Applegarth building is now surplus to requirements.
- 1.3 It is recommended that the Council's Valuer is requested to provide a market valuation for the property and to invite informal tenders with a view to disposal.

**2.0 DECISIONS SOUGHT:**

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to approve the disposal of the Applegarth Public Convenience.

**3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES:**

- 3.1 The financial position of the Council underpins the delivery of the Council's Corporate Priorities. Effective management of the Council's assets is an important factor in supporting the efficient use of resources to maintain financial security.

**4.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:**

- 4.1 There are no significant risks in approving the recommendation. Continued ownership of the building will lead to revenue expenditure to maintain a building which has no service need.

**5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND EFFICIENCIES:**

- 5.1 The disposal of the Applegarth Public Convenience will provide a capital receipt. The Council's Value will provide a market valuation prior to the invitation of tenders to ensure the Council can demonstrate achieving best value for the disposal.
- 5.2 The Council no longer provides a public convenience service and consequently there is no revenue budget provision in 2012/13 for continued retention of this facility. Revenue cost if the Council retains the building would be around £6,000 to cover repairs/vandalism and rates.

**6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

6.1 The Council must demonstrate best value in disposal of an asset. This is addressed in 5.1.

**7.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

7.1 It is recommended that the Applegarth Public Convenience be declared surplus to requirements and be disposed of.

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**Background papers:** None

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